

Juneteenth

Juneteenth is a federal holiday in the United States. The name comes from June 19th. On Juneteenth, we remember and celebrate the day that African American slaves became free. Slavery became illegal in the United States in 1865. People in Africa were captured and forced to work as slaves in the United States. This started in the 1700s. The owners treated the slaves very badly, and the slaves had horrible lives. Some people fought against slavery. However, slavery continued for many years. Even after slavery ended, life was bad for African Americans. There has been a lot of racism and discrimination against them. Many of these problems continue today.